

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018
12:00 PM
PLAZA DE ARMAS**

Members Present:	Councilmember Rey Saldaña, Chair, <i>District 4</i> Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, <i>District 3</i> Councilmember Clayton Perry, <i>District 10</i>
Members Absent:	<i>Mayor Ron Nirenberg</i> <i>Councilmember Manny Peláez, District 8</i>
Staff Present:	Erik Walsh, <i>Deputy City Manager</i> ; Troy Elliott, <i>Deputy Chief Financial Officer of Finance</i> ; Carlos Contreras, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Jeff Coyle, <i>Director of Government & Public Affairs</i> ; Juan Ayala, <i>Director of Military and Veteran Affairs</i> ; Alicia K. Beckham, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>
Other Present:	Baltazar R. Serna Jr., <i>Serna & Serna</i>

1. Approval of the minutes from the City Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meetings on May 15, June 13, August 7, and September 12, 2018.

Councilmember Viagran moved to approve the Minutes for the May 15, June 13, August 7, and September 12, 2018 Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meetings. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Briefing and possible action on a Master Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County. [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Jeff Coyle reported that Bexar County and the City of San Antonio had entered into Interlocal Agreements to coordinate mutually beneficial services. He stated that a Master Interlocal Agreement (MILA) was developed in 2013 to consolidate Agreements for services in Cooperative Purchasing, Crime Lab and Medical Examiner, Platting, Fuel, Jury Pool, Library Services and Hotel Occupancy Tax Collection. He noted that the full City Council approved the Truancy Case Management Program in May 2014 and amendments to the Library Addendum in October 2014 and May 2015 that extended service until 2019. He added that in April 2016, the County notified the City that it desired to make additional amendments to the Crime Lab, Medical Examiner, Magistrate, Hotel Occupancy Tax and Truancy Sections, and they were approved by the full City Council in March 2017.

Mr. Coyle stated that the current MILA expired on September 30, 2018. He noted that the proposed Agreement would be dated back to October 1, 2018 with four additional one-year terms. He stated that staff recommended approval of the MILA with Bexar County.

Councilmember Perry asked if Magistration was included in the proposed MILA. Erik Walsh stated that the County would be proceeding with Magistration Services at the new County Facility. He noted that the City would be converting the Detention Center into a Processing Center.

Councilmember Viagran suggested that staff make adjustments to the MILA Truancy Component that reflected the intentions of the new Reengagement Center.

Councilmember Viagran moved to forward the proposed MILA to the full City Council for approval. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Briefing on the Federal Legislative Program Priorities & Federal Consultant RFP. [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Jeff Coyle stated that the City had three priorities for the new session of Congress that would begin on January 3, 2019. He stated that the proposed Federal Legislative Program would be comprised of the following categories: Priorities, Legislative Issues, Agency Initiatives and Partnerships. He noted that the following priorities would be presented:

- Military Protection
- Transportation Infrastructure
- Affordable Housing

Mr. Coyle reported that the Government & Public Affairs Department received an increase in the general fund from \$200,000 to \$225,000. He stated that the Aviation Department was contributing \$120,000 to the budget totaling \$345,000. He noted that the City could use the funds to contract a lobby team. He added that staff would launch two congruent Request for Proposals (RFP).

Mr. Coyle stated that there would be an RFP for Washington D.C. Representation and another for a Local Liaison. He noted that the terms of the Washington D.C. Representation Contract totaled \$300,000 annually for two years with the option for one, 2-year renewal. He added that there would be no Local Preference, Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program, or subcontracting requirements.

Mr. Coyle stated that the Local Liaison contract terms totaled \$45,000 annually. He noted that the term was for two years with the option for one, 2-year renewal. He added that Local Preference was included, as well as SBEDA and subcontracting requirements.

Mr. Coyle stated that the Department would solicit emails to 45 Washington D.C. Firms and advertise locally on the COSA Website, Express News, TVSA Channel 21, and Capitol Hill. He noted that the RFP would be released on December 17, 2018 and close on January 28, 2019. He added that the evaluation would be completed March 1, 2019 with the contract starting March 19, 2019.

Councilmember Perry stated that the release of the RFP was not great timing because of the holidays. He stated that the RFP Solicitation should include language recommending that Lobbyists have immediate access to military sites. He requested that the San Antonio Chambers provide a report on the SA to DC Trip.

Councilmember Viagran stated that she was concerned that the City would not have lobby representation until March 1, 2019. Carlos Contreras stated that staff would work on extending the contract for the current Lobby Team.

No action was required for Item 3.

4. Briefing and possible action on an amendment to the 86th Legislative Session State Legislative Program regarding the San Antonio Fire & Police Pension Fund. [Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]

Jeff Coyle reported that the priorities and initiatives of 86th Texas Legislative Session were incorporated into the City's State Legislative Program. He stated that the City Council approved the 2019 State Legislative Program on November 15, 2018. He noted that the initiatives supported substantive and non-substantive revisions to the State Statute governing the San Antonio Fire and Police Pension Fund that advanced the City's Policy of maintaining a fiscally responsible outlook for public safety pensions and supports public safety personnel. He added that the proposed amendments to the City's State Legislative Program included an endorsement of the Pension Fund Board's Legislative Initiatives as adopted on November 28, 2018.

Troy Elliott stated that there was not any financial impact to the amendment and there was no expected impact to the actuarial stability of the Fund. He noted that the amendment included language that clarified who the benefits were provided to before and after retirement. He added that the Finance Department supported the changes to Article 6243o.

Mr. Coyle stated that the City would oppose any proposed amendments that would negatively impact the actuarial performance or having a financial impact to the Fund. He noted that the City would support revised Civil Statutes approved by the Board of Trustees on November 28, 2018 and no amendments after November 28, 2018.

In response to Councilmember Viagran, Mr. Coyle stated that any requested changes to the City Pension would have to go before the State Legislature.

Councilmember Viagran moved to forward the endorsement of the Pension Fund Board's Legislative Initiatives to the full City Council for approval. Councilmember Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rey Saldana, Chairperson



Alicia K. Beckham
Office of the City Clerk

